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Following is extract Kenworthy article in December 6 New York Times:

"Following the President's speech to the nation on the Cuban crisis October 22, many White House officials said frankly that consideration had been given to an arrangement under which the Western bases in Turkey and the Soviet bases in Cuba would be put on the scales. These officials described the United States bases in Turkey as 'obsolescent' and a 'liability.'"

"It was finally decided not to propose such a deal, and when it was suggested by Premier Khrushchev, President Kennedy did not respond."

If Turk Embassy raises here, we intend point out such expressions, if true, are before White House statement on October 27 and should not be interpreted as detracting from official USG decision.

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